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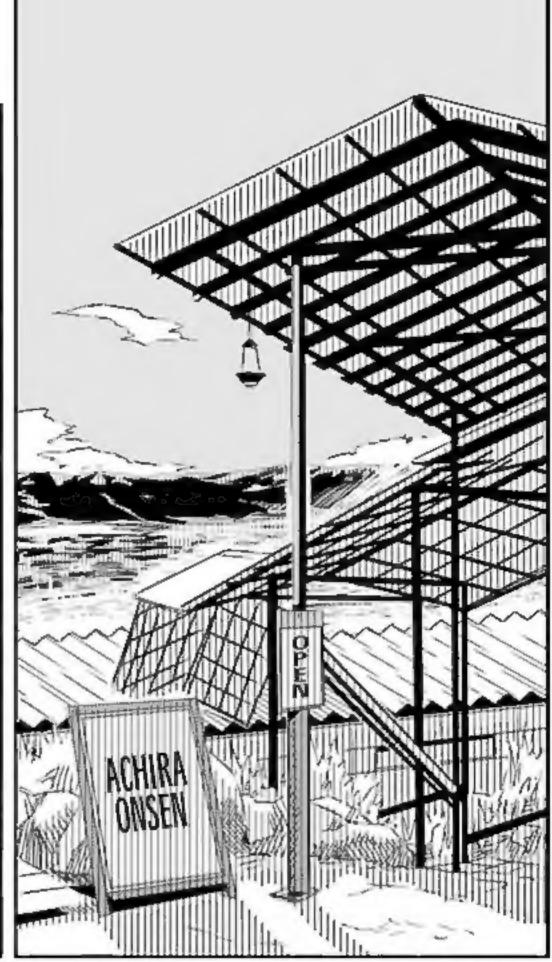
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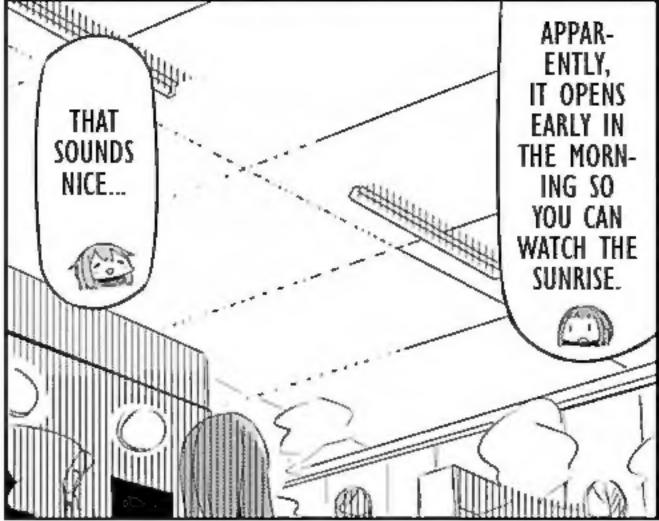


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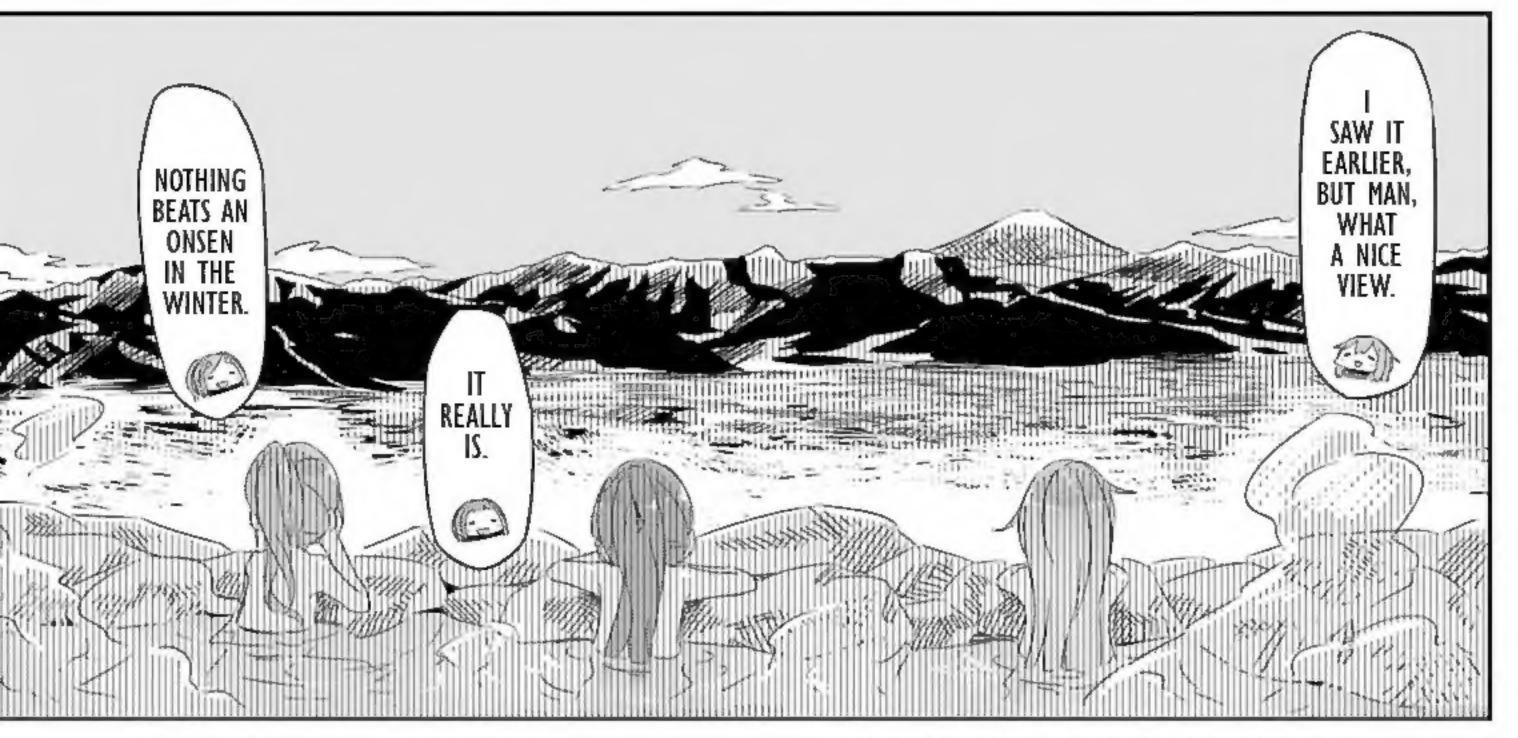




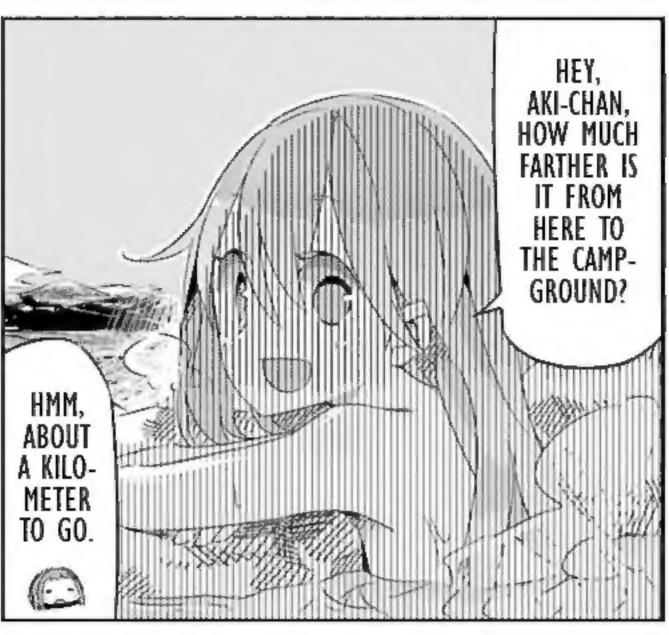


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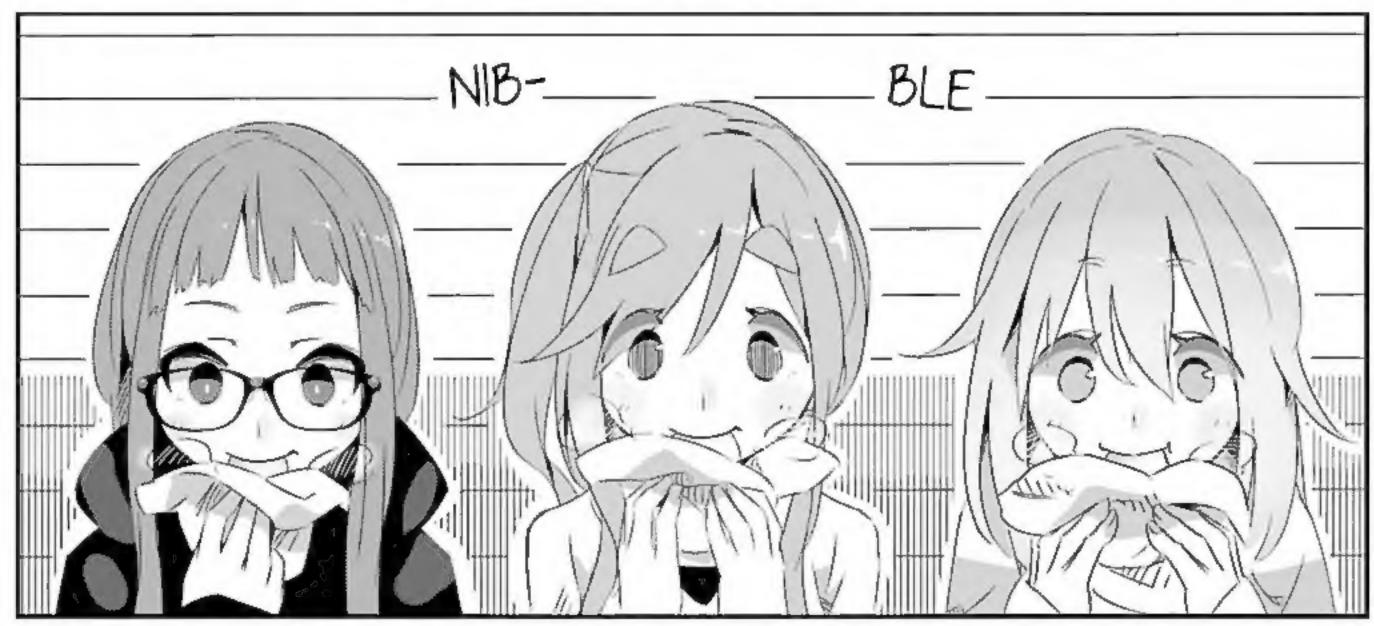


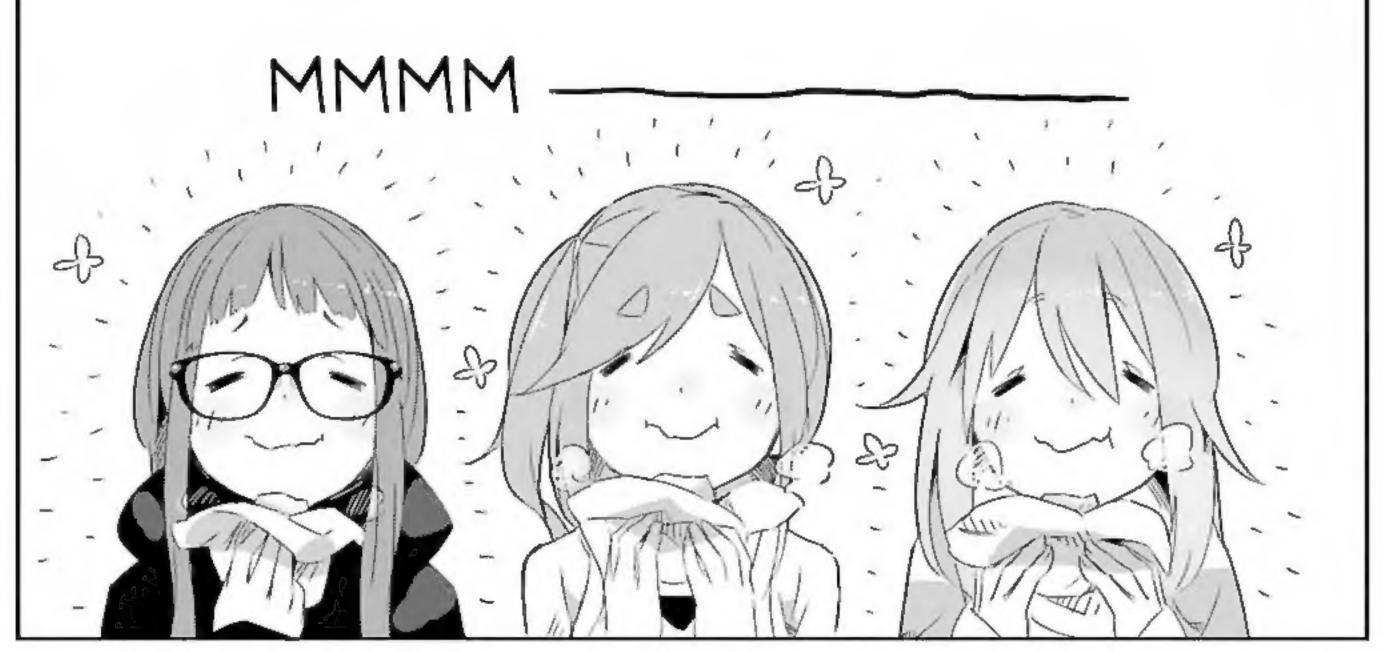




















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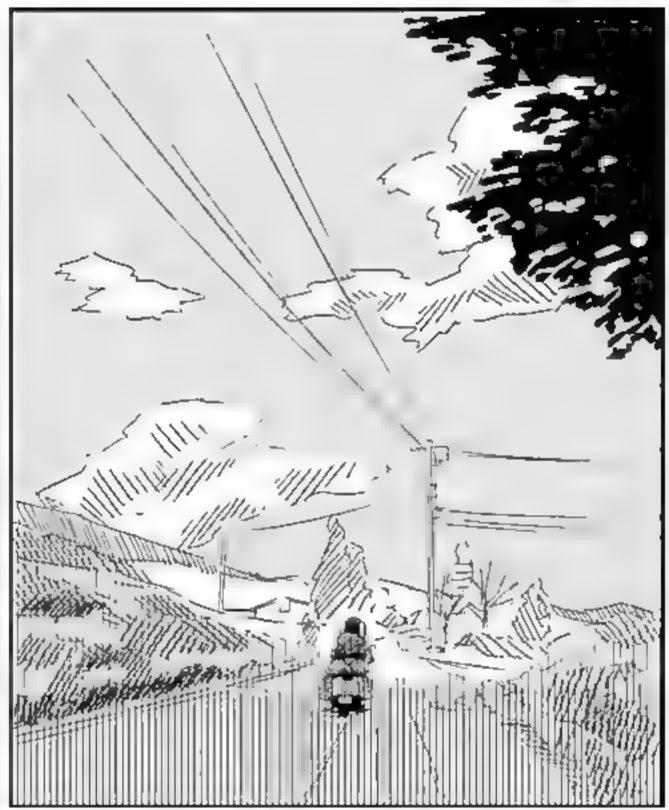


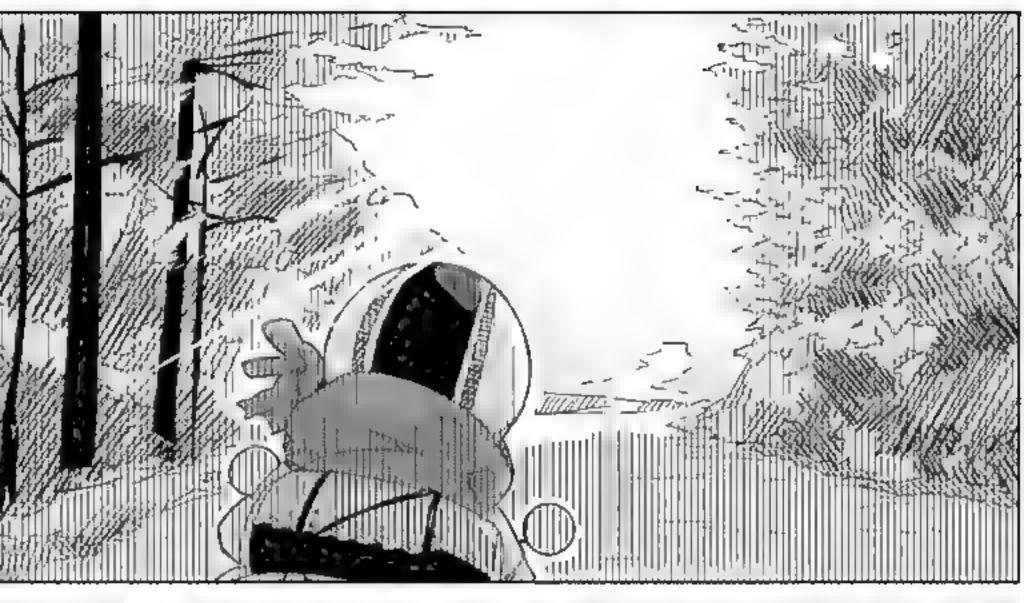


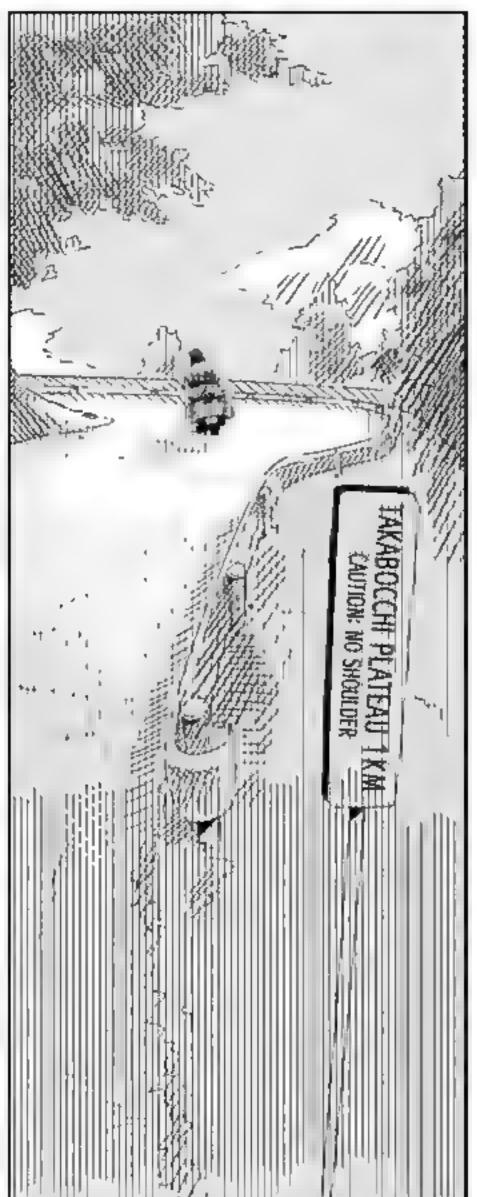




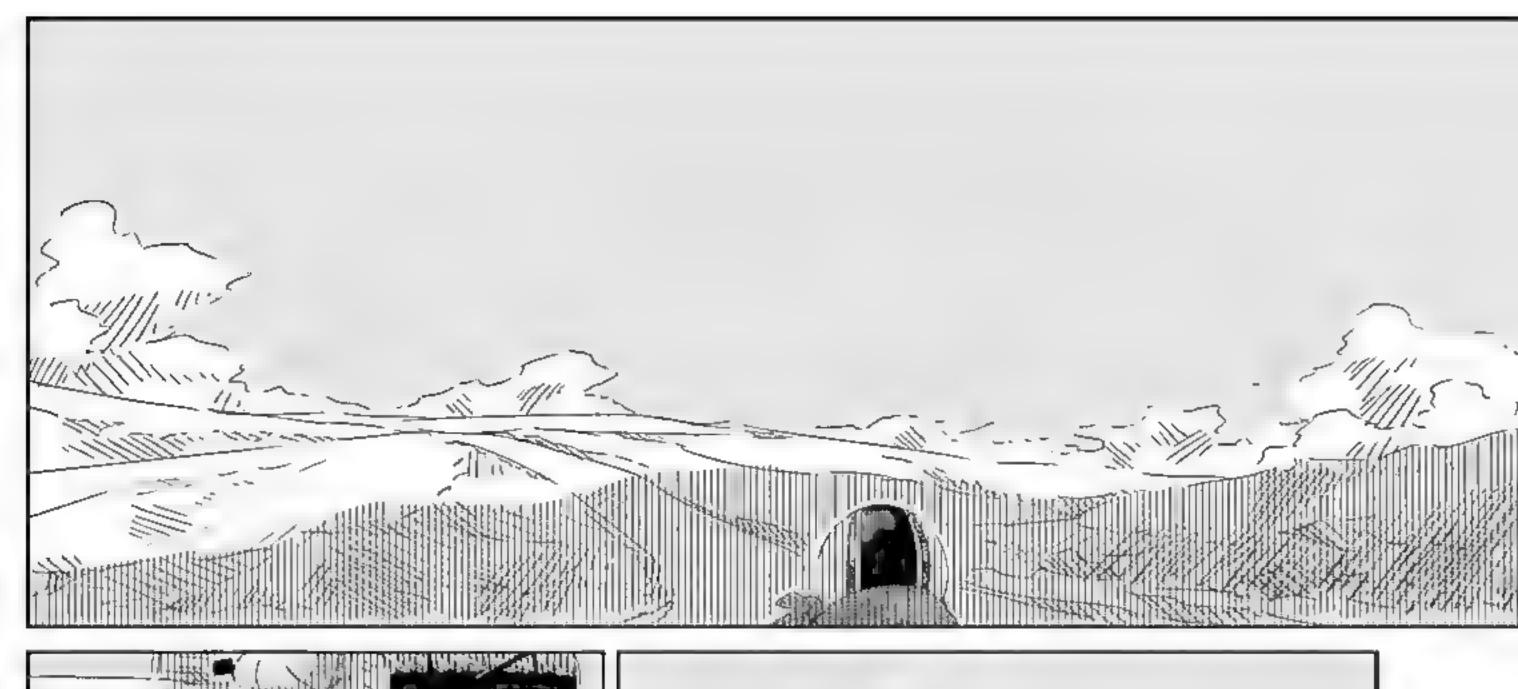


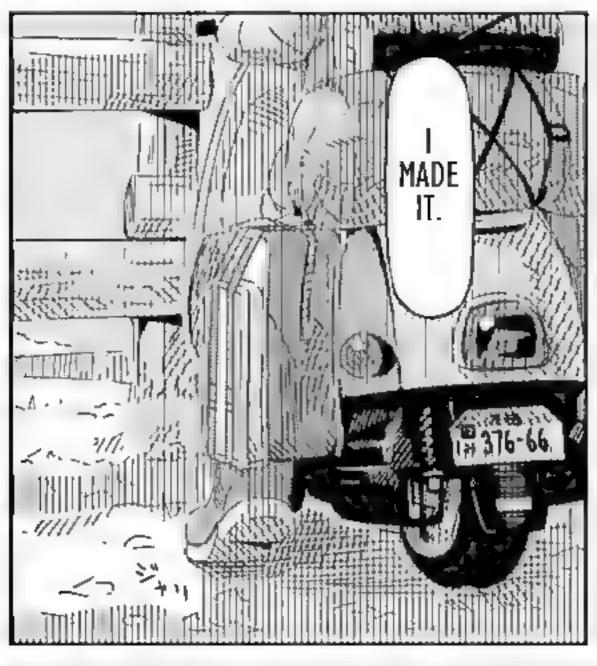






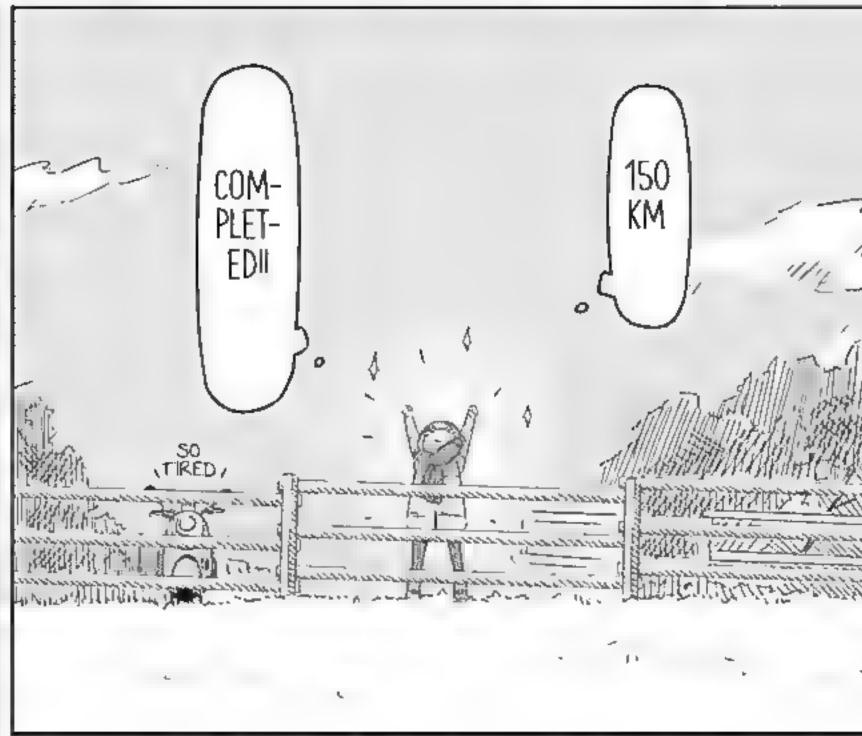








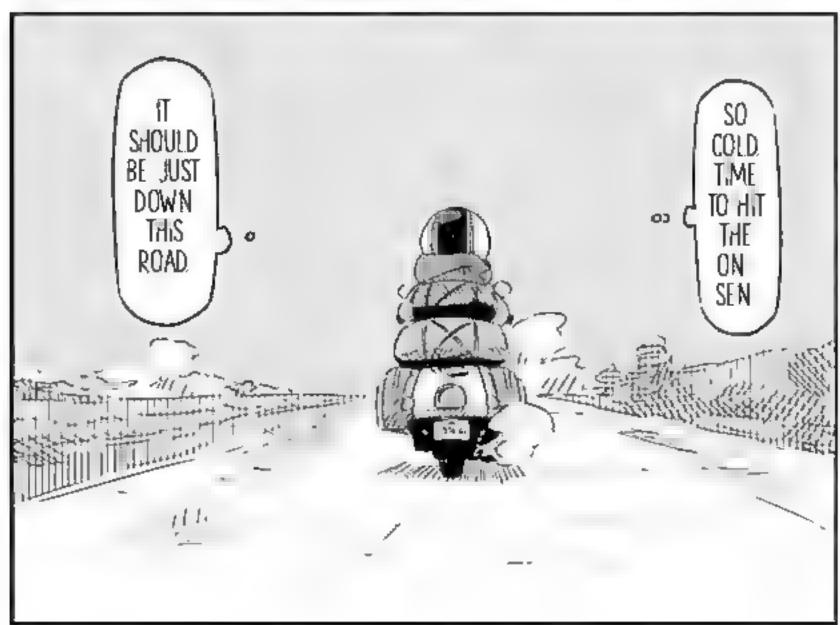












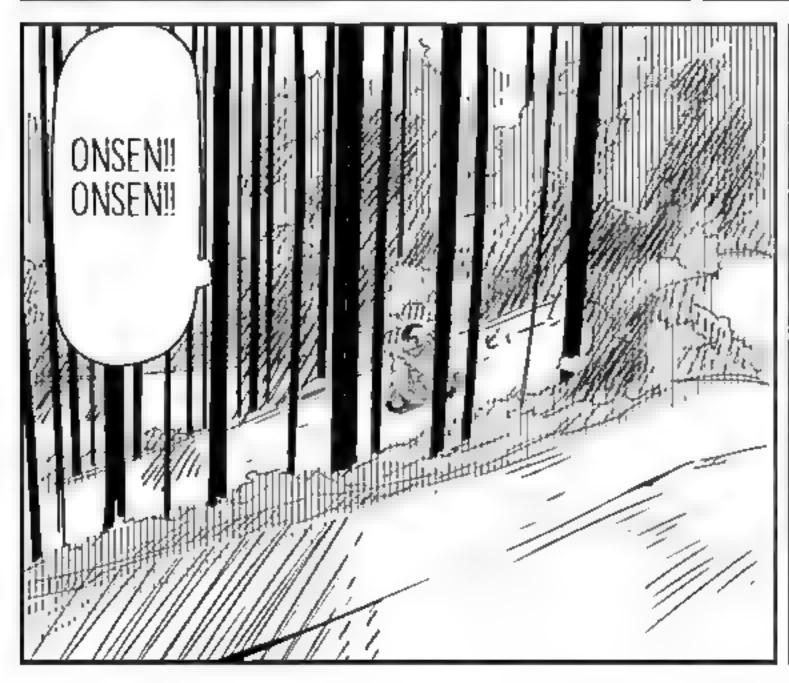








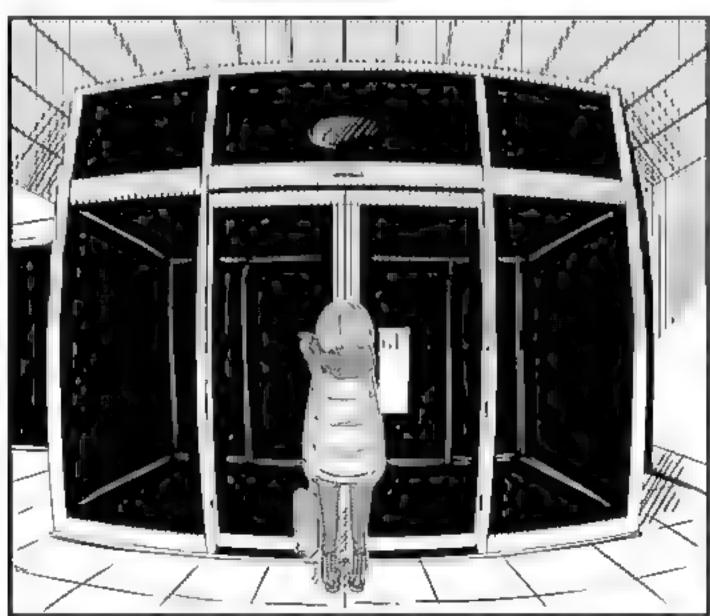








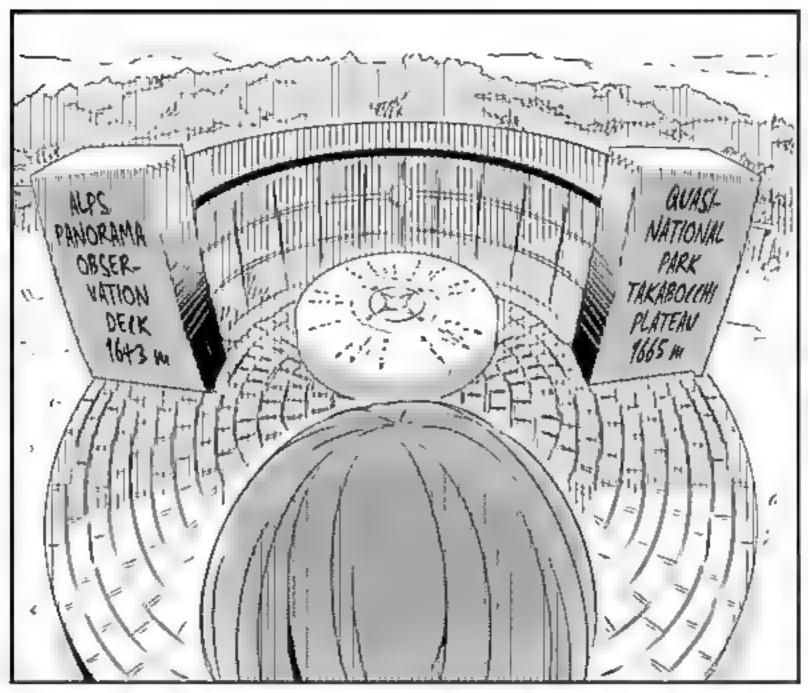






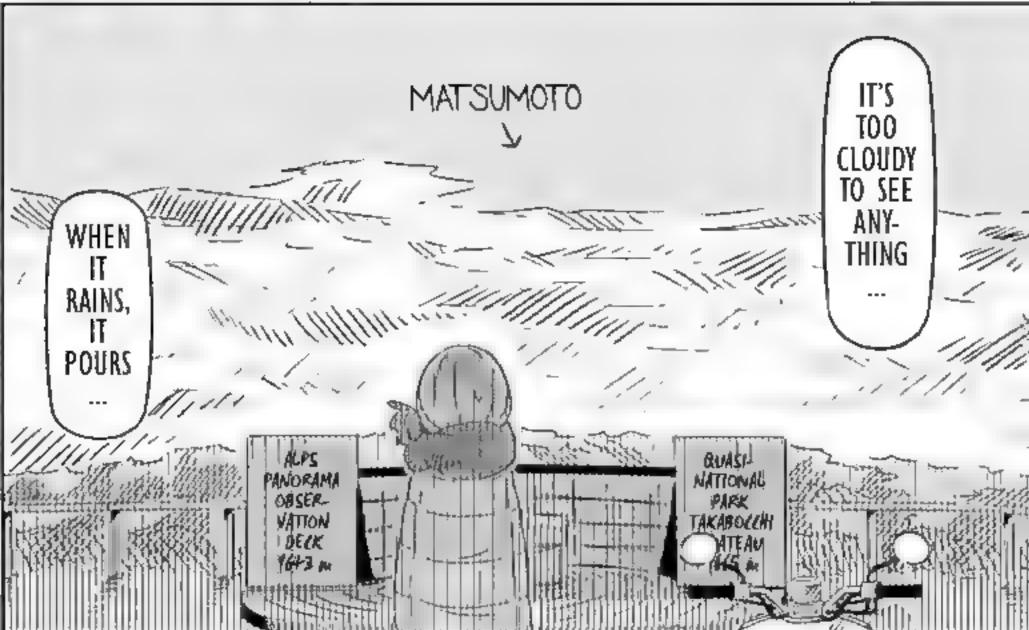




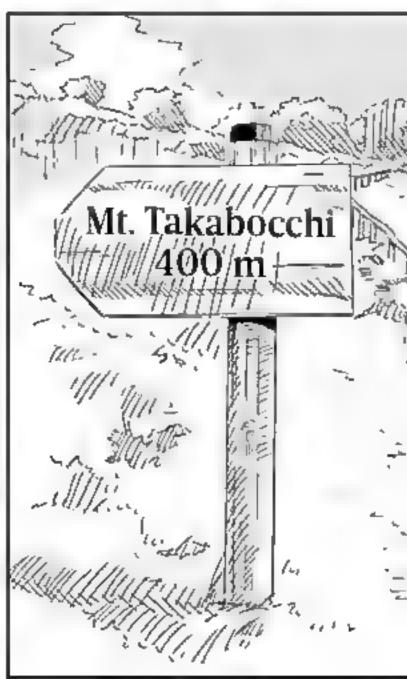




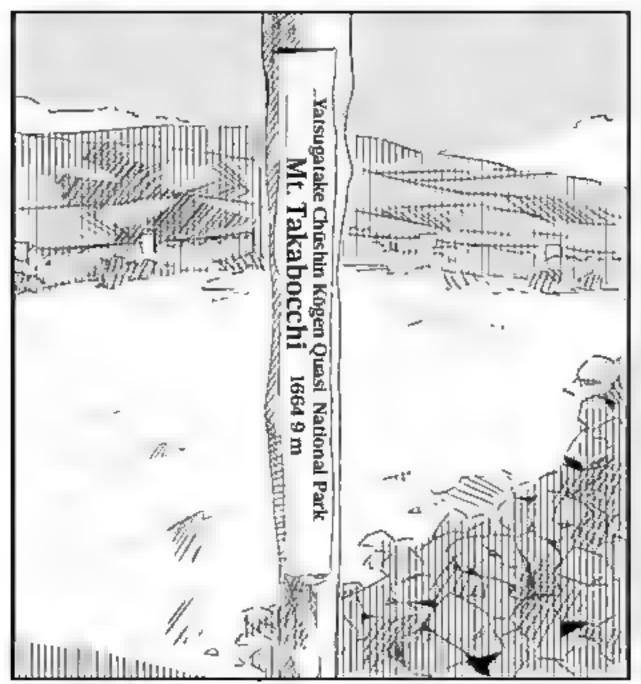








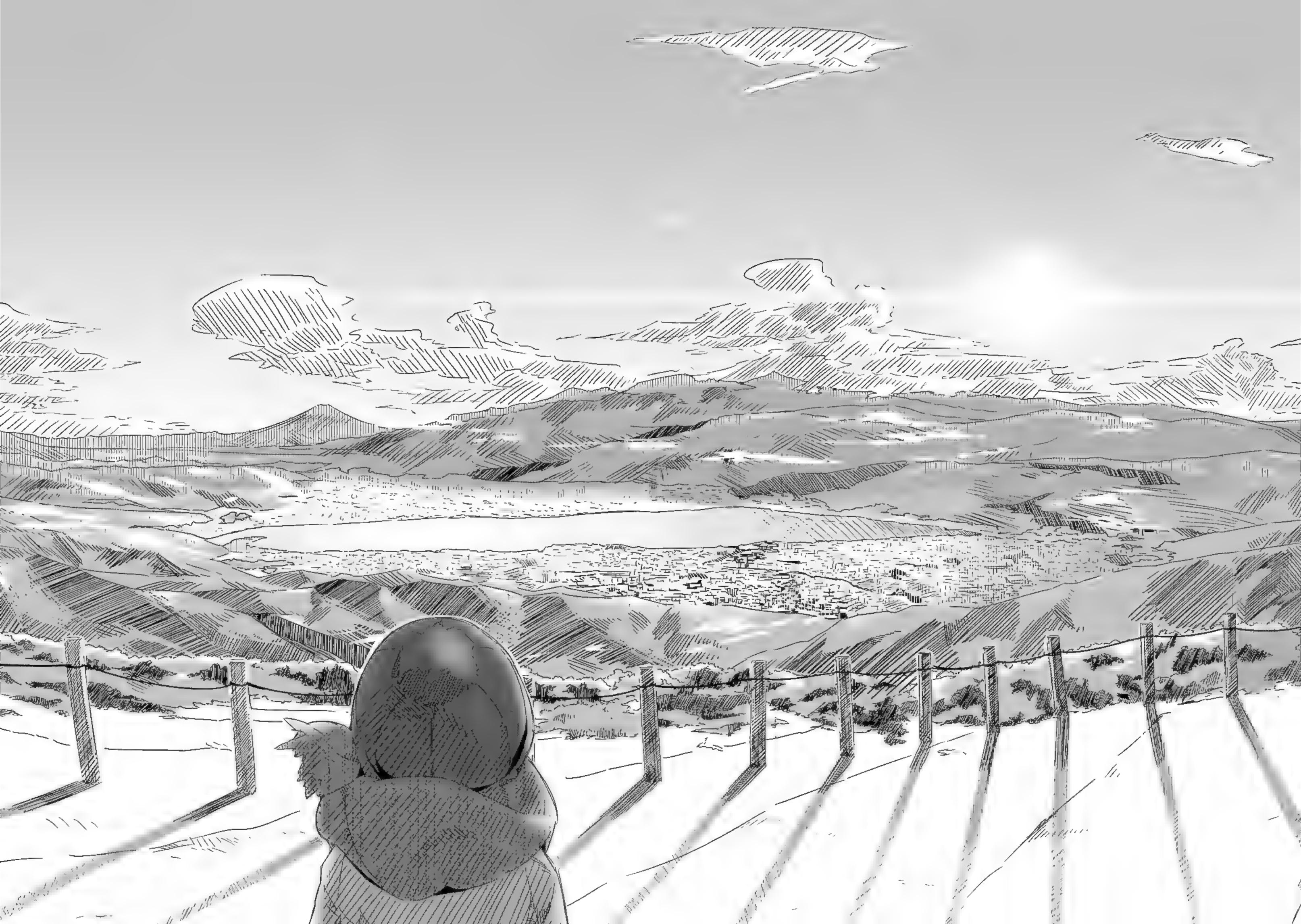






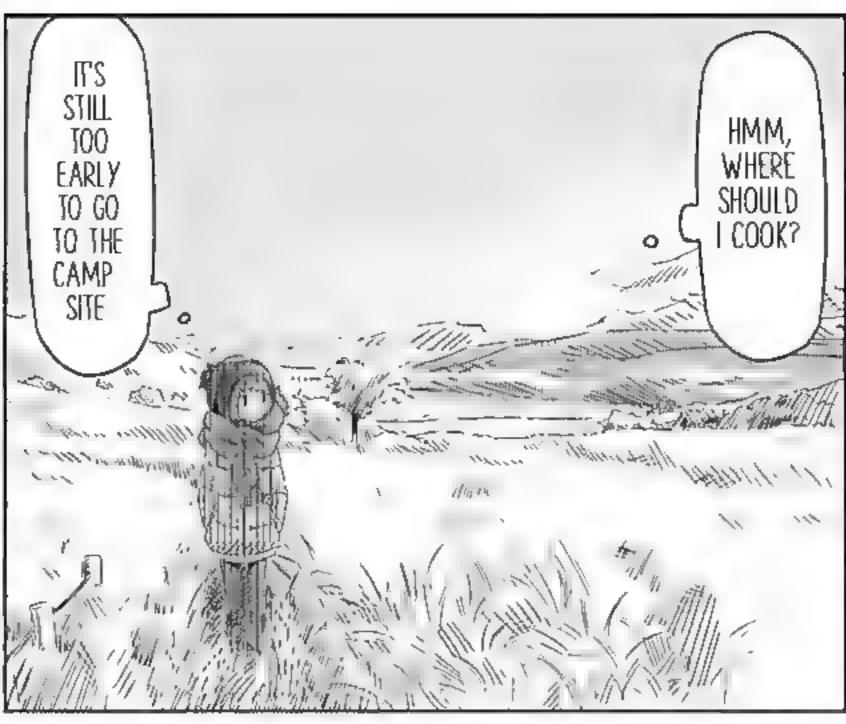








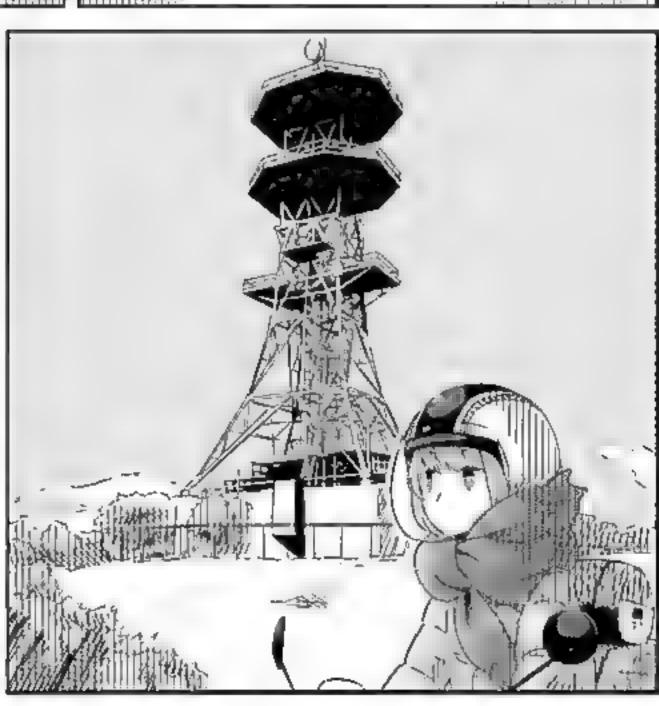




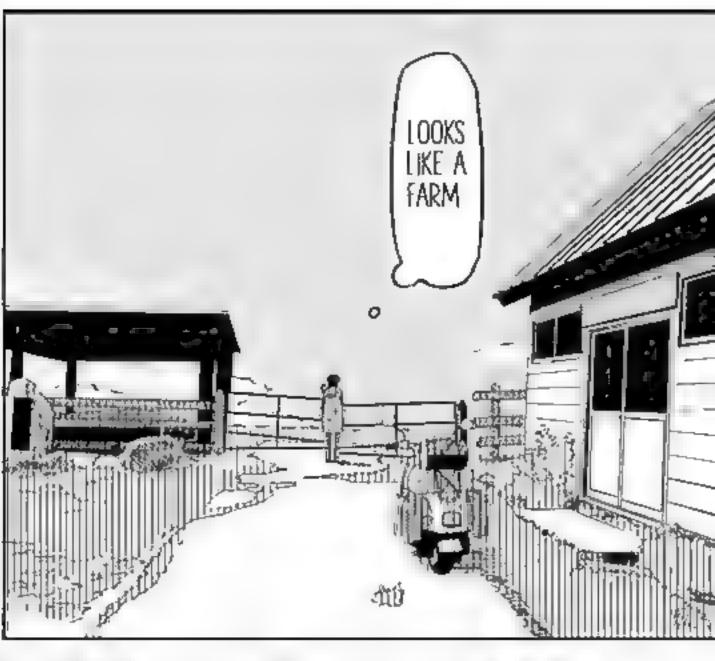




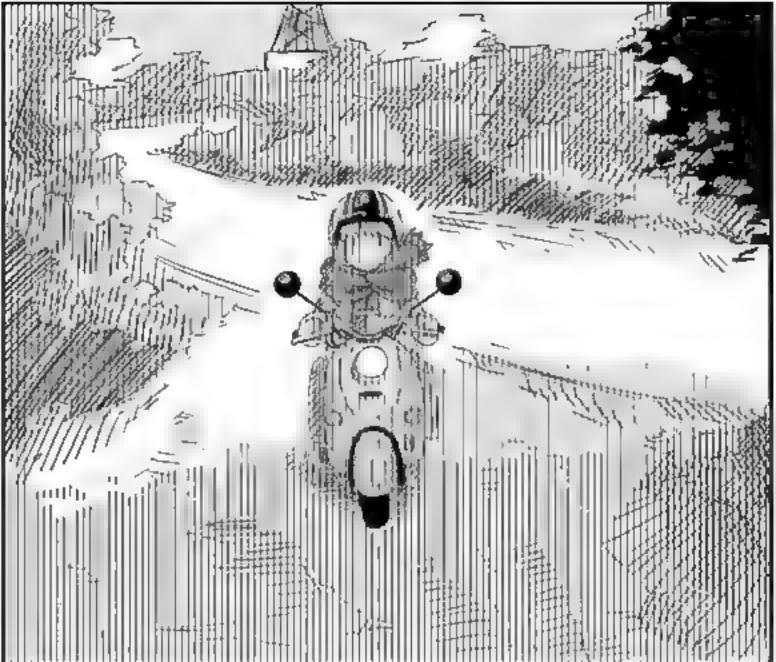


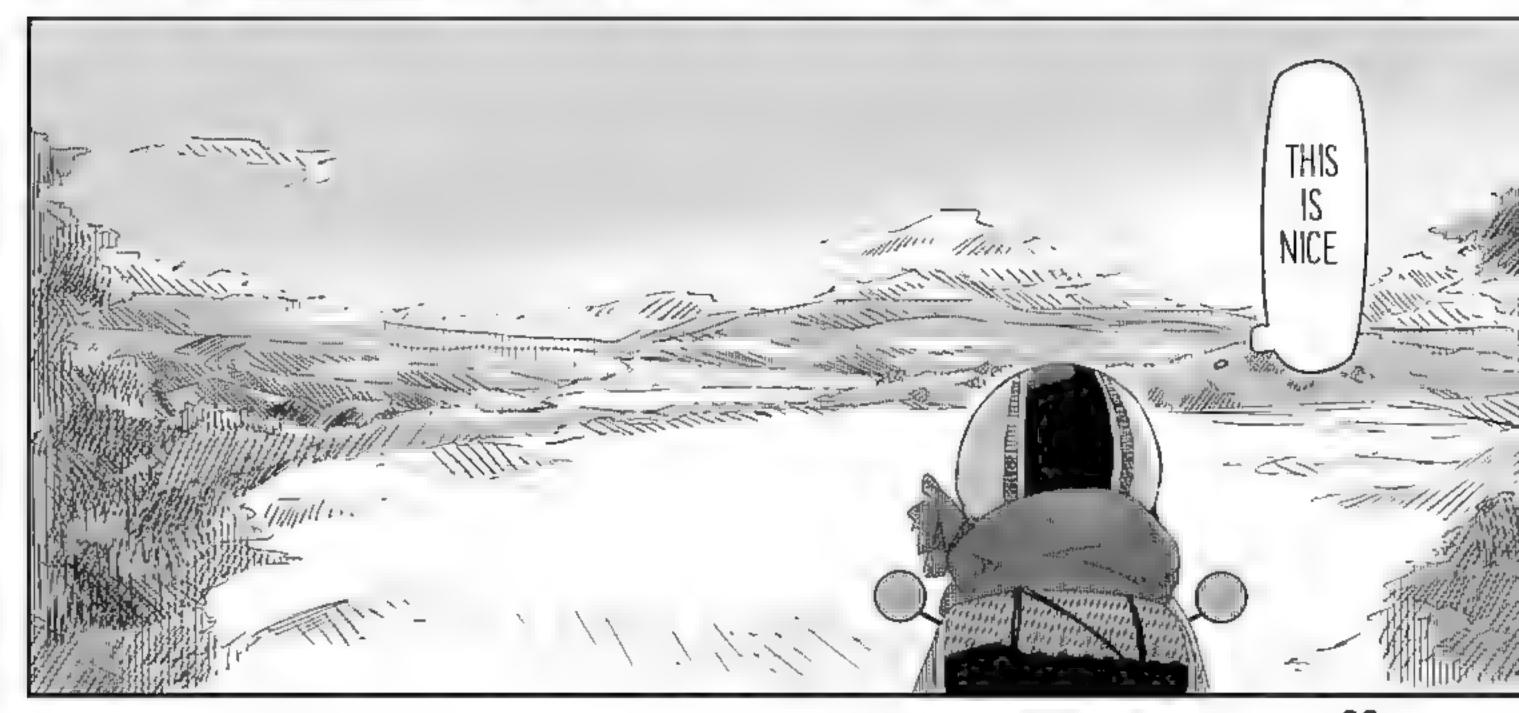










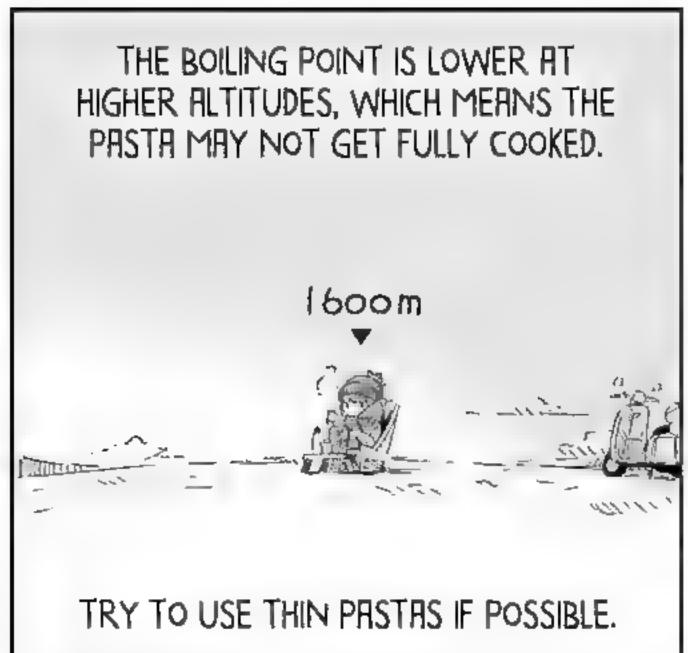




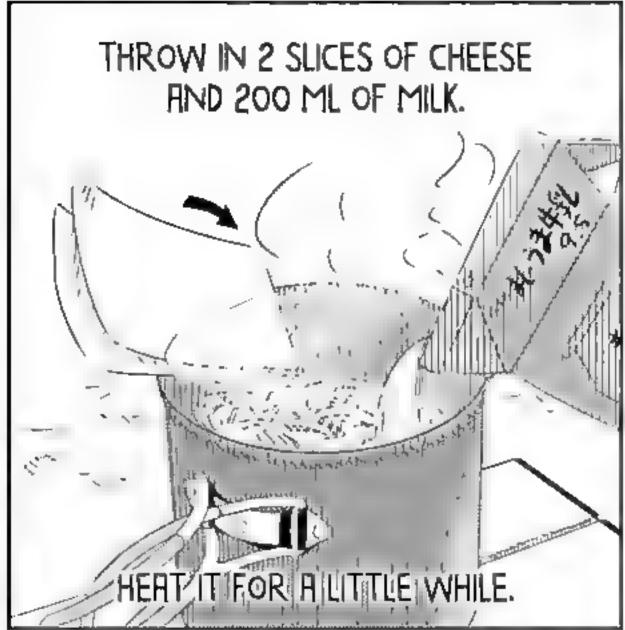


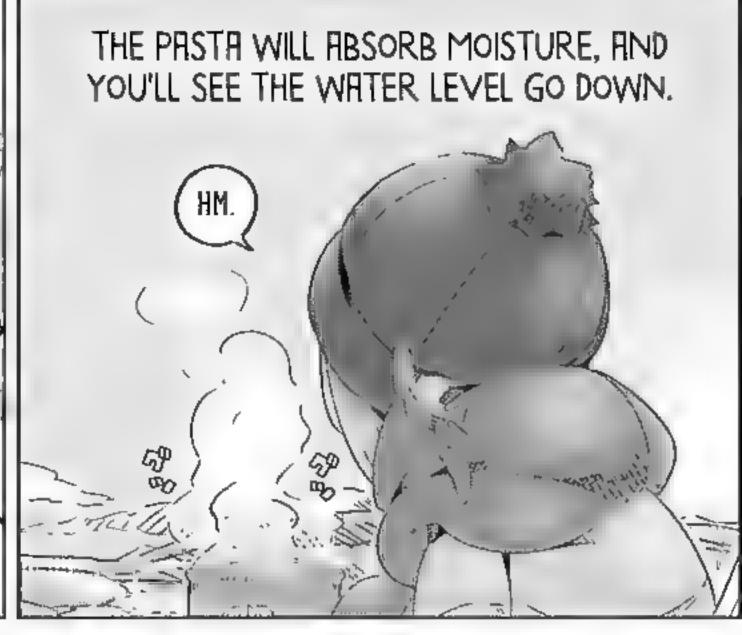






































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## Translator's Travel Guide

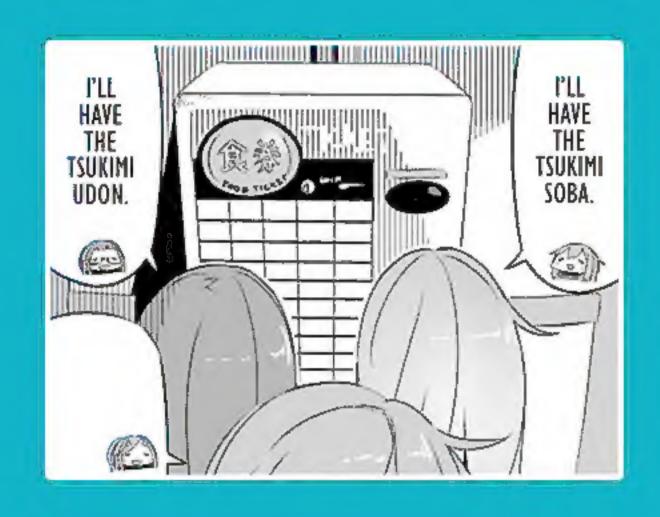
## Takabocchi Plateau

The picturesque, high-altitude plains of the Takabocchi Plateau are situated in the western part of Yatsugatake-Chushin Kogen Quasi-National Park. From here, visitors can take in a stunning 360-degree view of all the nearby scenery: The Northern Alps to the northwest, Mt. Ontake and the Kiso Mountains to the south, and the Yatsugatake Mountains and Mt. Fuji to the east. The view from the summit that Rin sees on pages 18-19 is unofficially touted by photographers as "Japan's number one shutter point." In the foreground, the cities of Okaya and Suwa flank either side of Lake Suwa. In the background, Mt. Fuji stands tall and proud, often just peaking above a sea of clouds. At the end of May, when the grass turns green, part of Takabocchi becomes a grazing ground for dairy cows. Among the cows that come, many are expecting to give birth to their first calf. It is said that they give birth to healthier calves and produce tastier milk because of their stay on the spacious highlands of Takabocchi. In the middle of June, around 300,000 Japanese azaleas will bloom, painting the slopes of the plateau red. Alongside them, other alpine flowers like daisies and rosebays, and frequent summer days of blue skies and white clouds, turn the landscape into a natural wonderland. No wonder Takabocchi is referred to as the "Maiden's Plateau"! Another thing Takabocchi is famous for is holding its annual Takabocchi Local Horse Race, which is at a higher elevation than any other event of this kind in Japan. The first race held there was in August of 1952. At the time, there were no buses that went up to Takabocchi, and cars were not common, so both racing horses and spectators alike had to climb to the top by foot! Today, over 100 racehorses and ponies join in the race. Children also have a great time, petting the animals and getting rides in horse-drawn carriages. Also, fun side note, the name Takabocchi comes from the mythical giants of Japanese legend known as "daidarabocchi." It is said that one of these daidarabocchi sat down to take a rest and ended up becoming what is now know as the Takabocchi Plateau.



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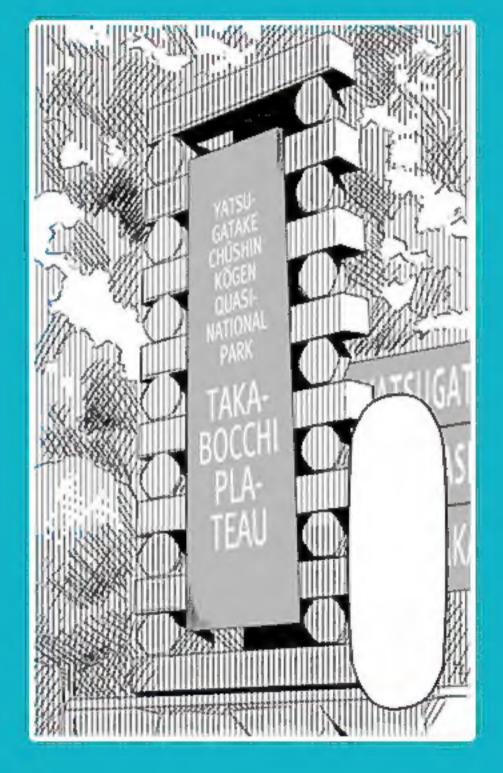
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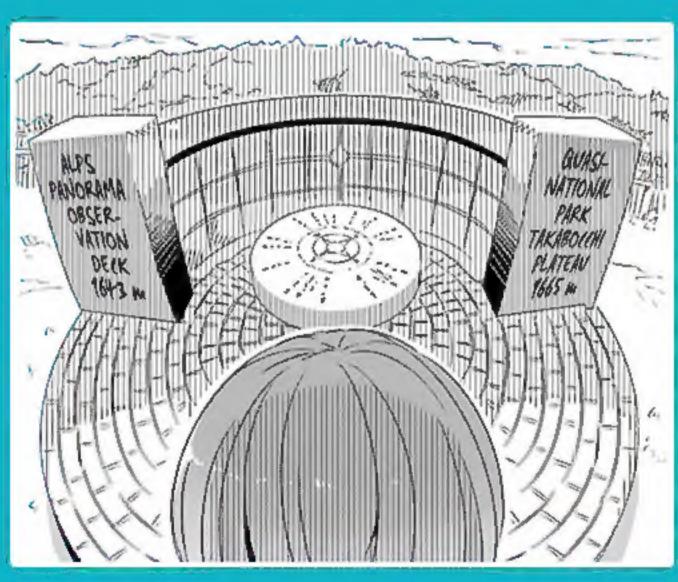
"Tsukimi" translates directly to "moon-viewing." Tsukimi dishes have a raw egg cracked on top, which poaches in the hot broth. They are traditionally eaten in Japan during mid-autumn festivals to celebrate the harvest moon. The egg represents the "full moon" surrounded by "clouds" of noodles.



Onsen eggs are traditionally slow cooked in the waters of an onsen. At about 70 degrees Celsius, the yolk solidifies completely, while the egg white remains soft and supple around the outside. Onsen resorts usually sell these to guests as relaxing treats. In the case of Hottokeya Onsen, they deep-fry the eggs on top of it all, which based on the girls' reaction must be pretty damn good!



Quasi-National Parks in Japan are managed by the prefectural government, not the federal government. Yatsugatake Quasi-National Park is managed by the prefectures of Nagano and Yamanashi because it spans across both.



This monument is a little confusing. The "Alps Panorama Observation Deck" is where Rin currently is in the frame, at 1643 m. The right side doesn't specifically say it, but 1665 m is the height of Mt. Takebocchi, the highest point on the plateau.

